

REMARKS

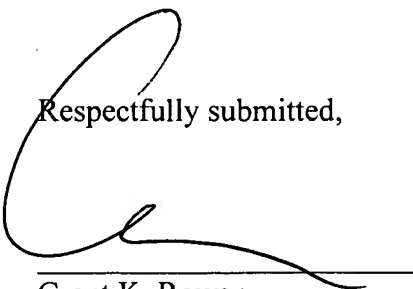
Claims 1 and 3-10 have been examined. Claims 1 and 3-5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), and the Examiner has allowed claims 6-10. Applicants have canceled claims 1 and 3-5 without prejudice or disclaimer, and thus, the rejection is moot.

Also, Applicants have added a method claim and a software program claim that corresponds to allowable claim 6. Accordingly, Applicants submit that these claims do not require further search or consideration and respectfully requests that the Examiner enter and allow them.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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